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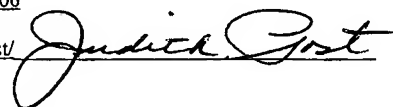
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006, a reply to which is due by July 7, 2006 with a one month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** begin on page 3 of this submission.

**Remarks/Arguments:** begin on page 5 of this submission.

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**A. Introductory Comments:**

In response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2006, a reply to which is due July 7, 2006 with a one month extension of time, please consider the following amendments and remarks in an effort to advance prosecution on the merits of the subject application.